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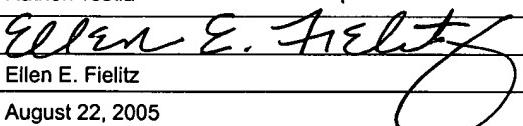
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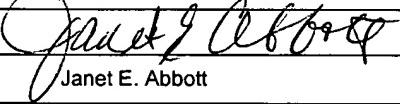
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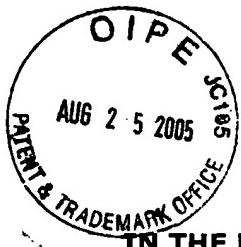
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Applicants: David J. Zarbatany et al.
Filed: July 2, 2003
Title: ENDOLUMINAL STENT HAVING A MATCHED STIFFNESS REGION AND/OR A STIFFNESS GRADIENT AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING STENT KINK RESISTANCE
T.C./A.U.: 3731
Examiner: Unknown
Confirmation No.: 3378
Docket No.: BSI-410US1

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